**Child Labour Force**

571. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India contributes highest figure to the Child Labour Force in the World; and

(b) what are the figures supplied by the international agencies like ILO, MNDP, UNICEF etc. *vis-a-vis* figures calculated by GOI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) According to the 1991 census data, the number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. According to some estimates, India may have the largest number of child labour population in the World.

(b) According to the ILO and UNICEF, UN agencies have not conducted a separate survey of child labour in India. They use the official Government of India figures.

**Child Labourers in Delhi and their rehabilitation**

†572. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Child Labourers presently employed in Delhi and the arrangements for their rehabilitation;

(b) whether a large number of said child labourers spend their night on footpaths, if so, the number thereof and the persons responsible for their rehabilitation;

(c) whether any Act was passed in 1986 for the child labourers if so, whether it has been implemented; and

(d) if so, since when, if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said Act would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) As per the 1991 Census, the number of working children below the age of 14, in Delhi, is 27,351. As per the information received from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, no separate survey has

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been conducted for ascertaining the number of working children in Delhi. Labour Department, Government of NCT of Delhi has no scheme for rehabilitation of working children.

Government of India is implementing two schemes for rehabilitation of Child Labourers namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and a Grant-in-aid scheme under which three Non-Government Organisations in Delhi are being funded to take up projects for rehabilitation of child labour.

The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 is applicable to all States/UTs in the country including the NCT of Delhi.

**Unemployment in the country**

573. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is growing at an alarming rate in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the employment opportunities in the country;

(c) what is the effect of the disinvestment policy on the employment situation in the industries and PSUs; and

(d) what is the number of persons registered in the various employment exchanges in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) As per the survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 there has been a slight increase in the unemployment rate during 1999-2000 as compared to the unemployment rate during 1993-94 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status Approach.

(b) The planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.